

ISLANDS DISAPPEAR

Island group with 28,000 souls, off the coast of Sicily missing--Relief hurrying to Italy--The Atlantic fleet to give Assistance

Relief Measures For Stricken Italy

(Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Memorandum showing the location and proposed disposition of the Atlantic fleet now is before the state department for use when the decision is announced to offer the Italian government the use of these vessels and their crews in caring for the sick and wounded. The matter has not been taken up with the Italian government.

Active work on the part of the American Red Cross characterized the day. Approximately \$100,000 has already been made available by it from previous funds or having been promised, much of which is already cabled to the American embassy at Rome to be turned over to the Italian Red Cross. Among the contributions was one of \$25,000 from the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association of St. Louis. The governors of Illinois, Mississippi, New York, Virginia, New Hampshire and California have issued appeals for contributions. President Roosevelt personally will subscribe \$500 toward the relief fund.

MANY IMPRISONED IN RUINS.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The commander of a Russian cruiser, Admiral Makharoff, has arrived in Naples with refugees from Messina. He says the city was literally nothing but a heap of ruins. He reports the form of the straits of Messina show little change, despite the fact of reports to the contrary.

The harbor is filled with refugees of every kind, and at one end lies the wreck of a sunken steamer. Admiral Makharoff estimates the number of deaths at Messina conservatively at 80,000. A thousand persons are still alive in the ruins, he says, but they must die on account of the rescuers not being able to get to them in time.

There are still numerous small villages in Calabria from which no news has been received. Many of them are inaccessible, and it is feared that when the reports come in they will swell the fatalities. It has been learned that the Capucine monks at Reggio escaped and did brave work in rescuing the less fortunate. Of twenty-one nuns at the convent San Vincenzo Di Paola only seven remain alive, and they are now engaged in nursing the wounded.

A naval observer of the destruction of Messina says there were four tidal waves ranging from twelve to twenty feet high. Thirty minutes elapsed between the rolling in of the first wave and the destructive onslaught of the last. The weather at Calabria continues abominable. Heavy rains fall at night and the thermometer goes below freezing.

It has been impossible to ascertain whether there were many Americans at the hotels in Messina. The Hotel France collapsed at the first shock and sixty guests were killed. None were Americans. Only two waiters escaped, they being already up and sought shelter under a staircase from the falling walls. The Continental hotel was destroyed and it is stated no Americans were stopping there. Almost all the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, including J. C. Martens, the Swedish consul, are dead. Nothing is learned definitely as to the number of Americans in the hotel, which was the leading one of the city. Official reports from Reggio state that the general storage magazines are being guarded to prevent looting.

Provisions are being distributed. Two bakeries which have been reopened at that place are also guarded by soldiers. All cattle within reach have been requisitioned. The sea is throwing up bodies on the shore, and in some places they obstruct the railroad track along the coast.

RESCUE AND RELIEF WORK.

The pope has sent to bishops in the earthquake zone \$20,000 and he is also sending special envoys to report the most urgent needs. King Victor Emmanuel today visited all the wrecked villages along the Sicilian coast, everywhere meeting the same scenes of desolation. Tomorrow he will visit the hamlet of Calabria.

People from Messina state that what is needed most is water, bread and light. The streets at night are in absolute darkness. This condition is taken advantage of by thieves and murderers.

Shiploads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports. According to the minister of marine the rescue vessels to the number of thirty-six

are now centered at the strait of Messina, and 5000 soldiers are being landed on the coasts.

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Latest reports received at Rome state there has been intermittent shocks following the first, to which the greater part of the destruction is attributed. The British warship Minerva reported by wireless to Malta two severe shocks occurred at Messina last night. Directors of the observatory on Mount Etna state the instruments recorded forty-two distinct shocks after the first, but during the last fourteen hours the instruments are almost motionless.

HORRORS INCREASE.

The horrors of the situation at Messina and Reggio have grown with every fresh dispatch, and one correspondent places the death toll throughout the entire territory as high as 300,000, but this appears to be extreme. Others make outside estimates as 200,000, and officials estimates as made by the minister of marine still hold it at 115,000. The Calabrian coast for thirty miles has been torn and twisted. From Bagnara to Reggio, a distance of twenty-five miles, the country is half demolished. Assistance has reached but few villages and they practically are without supplies of any kind. At Bagnara surgical operations are being performed with pruning knives.

HENEY SAYS HE'LL CONVICT PAT CALHOUN

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Francis J. Heney, San Francisco's special graft prosecutor, now in New York on a visit, is hopeful of procuring the conviction of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, on a charge of bribery.

Mr. Heney today talked freely of conditions in the coast city, and laughingly denied that he intended going to Pittsburg to prosecute the councilmen in the recently exposed scandals of that city.

Speaking of the Calhoun case, Mr. Heney said:

"Yes, I hope to obtain a conviction. I do not think the fact that Tiley L. Ford, the attorney for the railroads, was acquitted on a charge of bribery, in connection with granting an overhead trolley franchise by the supervisors, will favor Calhoun.

"Yet, strangely enough, a jury that would send Ruef to prison would acquit Calhoun before the first

word of testimony was taken, and vice versa, and I would not want to have to try Ruef before a jury that had condemned Calhoun. The business men of the town, and I use that term broadly, would just as soon see Ruef go up as not, but they would make an awful clamor if Calhoun were convicted.

"They have made an awful clamor even before he has been brought to trial.

"That is a funny situation, but does not exist alone in San Francisco.

"Almost every business man in San Francisco believes that now that we have convicted Ruef, we have a chance to take another crack at Schmitz, and we should stop there, and that they were the only offenders, and it hurts business to keep up this way after the big fellows."

Mr. Heney will stay in New York for four or five days and then return to San Francisco, where Calhoun's trial is set for January 5.

CAPTAIN DUKE GIVEN A STRONG REPRIMAND (By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Captain of Police Thomas Duke, who was convicted by the police commission of carelessness in searching Morris Haas after the latter assaulted Francis Heney during the Ruef trial, was reprimanded by A. D. Cutler, president of the commission, today. The reprimand was the punishment fixed by the commission because he didn't find the pistol with which the prisoner killed himself.

KILLED BY WOMAN AS HE BADE FAREWELL

WASHINGTON (N. C.), Dec. 31.—John Emerson Stone, aged 22, highly connected in Boston and New York, a graduate of Holy Cross college, Worcester, Massachusetts, was shot and killed here early today by May Woolard, who then shot herself twice and may die. The tragedy followed Stone's call on the woman to say he was leaving her forever and going home.

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Lipard Islands are Reported Missing

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the strait of Messina reports that the Lipard islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population of the group, numbered 28,000, and must inevitably have perished. The minister of marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

ON THE RUE DE FILLMORE

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A crowd estimated at between two and three hundred thousand tonight is parading the main thoroughfares, celebrating the passing of the old year. Car service was stopped shortly after 9 so dense became the crowd. An automobile parade consisting of nearly a thousand machines had great difficulty in making its way through the streets. A heavy rain began at 10 o'clock and many left the streets, but in spite of it all good nature and friendly fun making reigned supreme. The elaborate precautions of the police were little needed.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

(By Associated Press.)
ORANGE (Cal.), Dec. 31.—Frank Griffith, a clerk, was killed by a Santa Fe train between this city and Anaheim tonight. He was lying on the track when the engine struck him.

UNCLE SAM BUYS SILVER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The treasury department today purchased 75,000 ounces of silver for delivery at New Orleans, and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver at 50.479 per fine ounce.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Three young Navajo Indians are in custody in the Ship Rock agency for complicity in killing, on Christmas eve, near Anet, Utah, four members of their tribe and seriously wounding an Indian woman, according to a dispatch received at the Indian affairs bureau today. One of the Indians it is said has confessed.

A NICE HOLIDAY PRESENT

(By Associated Press.)
SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Bert Gilbert, wife of a bartender, received an express package at her home today which she concluded was a belated Christmas present. She was greatly surprised to find, on opening it, that it contained currency to the amount of \$34,750, in bank notes and green backs of large denominations. An accompanying letter explained that it was her share of an estate left by her uncle, Henry Mulligan, of Quincy, Illinois.

PENNSYLVANIA POLITICIAN DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
MEDIA (Pa.), Dec. 30.—Wm. L. Mathews, former state treasurer of Pennsylvania, died suddenly today at his home. The cause of death was given by physicians as pneumonia, but it is generally believed the illness was superinduced by Mathews' tribulations which were brought upon him by the Harrisburg capitol graft cases and a recent sentence of two years to the penitentiary for his part in an alleged conspiracy against the state. For many years Mathews was a recognized political leader of Pennsylvania.

G. A. R. TO CONVENE AUGUST 9. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—The dates for the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City will be August 9 to 13. This announcement was made today by Phil Cheek, Milwaukee's member of the executive council of the G. A. R.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!